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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-77. (Canceled).

78. (Previously added) A method of introducing an isolated polynucleotide into a host cell comprising:

- (a) providing an isolated polynucleotide according to claim 81; and
- (b) contacting the polynucleotide with the host cell under conditions that permit insertion of the polynucleotide into the host cell.

79-80. (Canceled).

81. (Currently amended) An isolated promoter polynucleotide which specifically initiates transcription in a plant suspensor cell and/or basal region of a plant embryo, the promoter polynucleotide comprising a promoter control element comprising nucleotides 3329-3475 of SEQ ID NO:1 (nucleotides -924 913 to -767 displayed in Figure 2).

82. (Previously added) The isolated promoter polynucleotide of claim 81, wherein the promoter polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

83. (Previously added) The isolated promoter polynucleotide of claim 81, wherein the promoter polynucleotide comprises a heterologous basal promoter sequence.

84. (Currently amended) The isolated promoter polynucleotide of claim 83 ~~4~~, wherein the heterologous basal promoter comprises a minimal CaMV 35S promoter.

85. (Previously added) An expression cassette comprising the promoter polynucleotide of claim 81 operably linked to a heterologous polynucleotide.

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86. (Previously added) The expression cassette of claim 85, wherein the promoter polynucleotide comprises a heterologous basal promoter sequence.

87. (Previously added) The expression cassette of claim 86, wherein the promoter polynucleotide comprises a minimal CaMV 35S promoter.

88. (Previously added) The expression cassette of claim 85, wherein the promoter polynucleotide comprises SEQ ID NO:1.

89. (Previously added) A vector comprising the expression cassette of claim 85.

90. (Previously added) A host cell comprising the expression cassette of claim 85.

91. (Previously added) The host cell of claim 85, wherein the host cell is a plant cell.

92. (Previously added) A plant comprising the expression cassette of claim 85.